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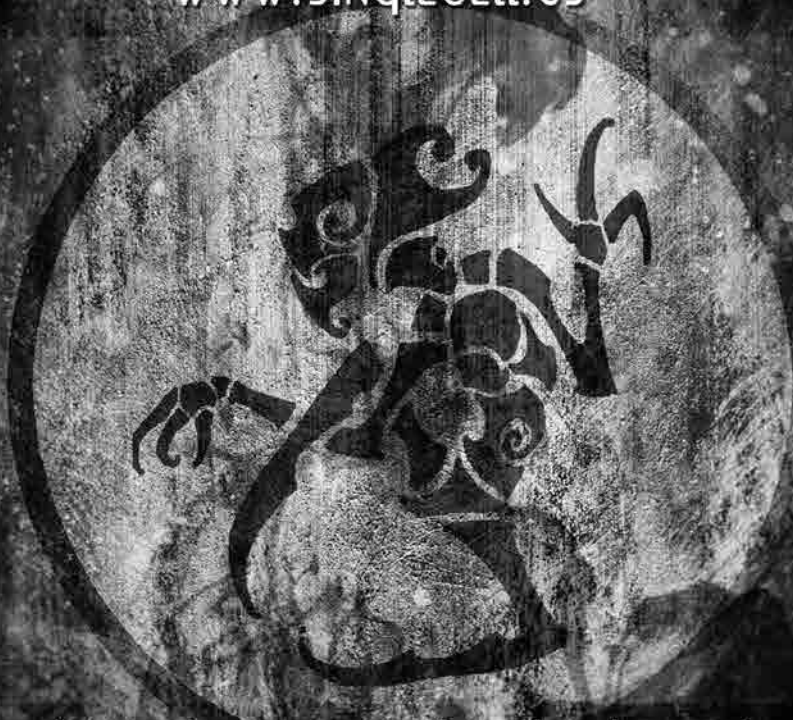
# Paranoid Trumper

by Karla Holland



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SANE ENVIRONMENT."

# The Record Collector

by Henry Eudy



## "DUSTY BOOTS"

Dust off the black boots you last wore  
in the spring of the century 2020.

The leather is cold and a little dry  
from all the steps you didn't take,  
but at least these soles were spared.

It's not yet time to wear them out. You just like to remember  
all the boots that ever marched you  
through graveyards at night,  
into convenience stores that kicked your spooky ass out,





across dance floors where you circled and stomped.

In this time of sheepskin and suede on the same floors each day,  
it's hard to believe that you and these boots  
ever stood elbow to belly with strangers with uncovered faces  
in front of bands,  
in checkout lines.

You put them away and think of the worn-out souls  
who'd love to rest their feet like you.

— Cindy Sites-Wooley

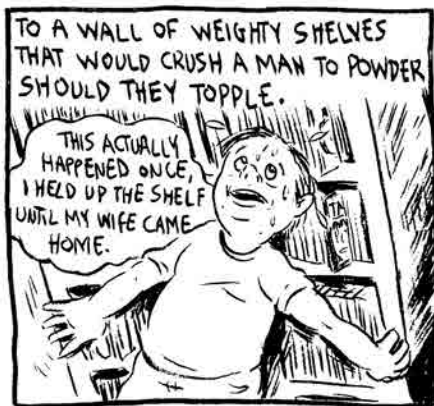


## “THE FUNERALS THAT WEREN’T”

In a year that felt like a mausoleum,  
here are some funerals that weren’t.

A widower returned to an empty home  
for the first time in decades  
and didn’t enter the interrupted bedroom for weeks.  
He couldn’t bear to move the chair the EMTs tossed.

One vibrant friend left all kinds of marks  
on all kinds of hearts — two legs or four or more.  
Those who love her are planting trees  
and getting new tattoos.



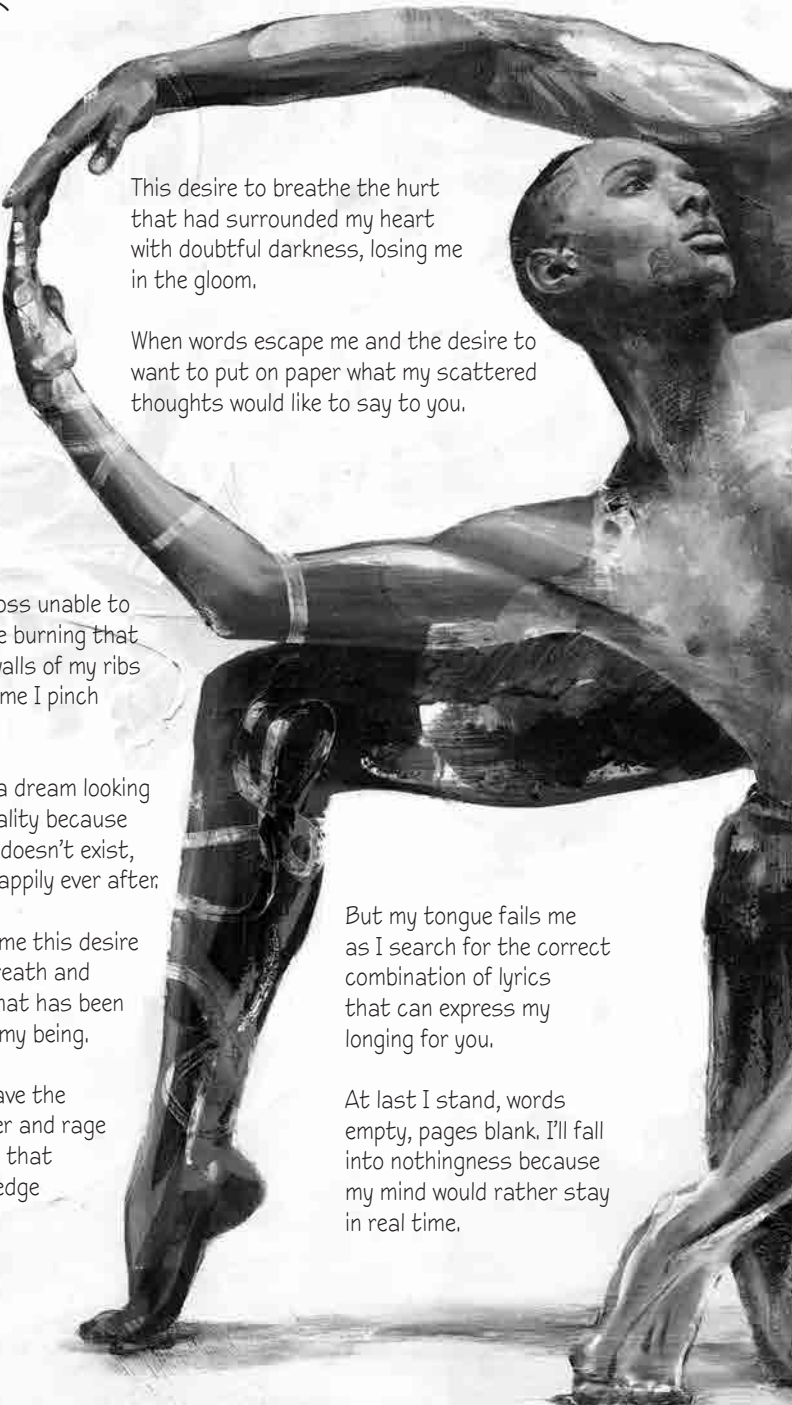
One queen in Queens was a mother and a sister  
to a large family that she chose.  
They memorialized her in a parking lot  
while the stage where she shone stayed dark.

There was a kindly soul, an unassuming legend,  
who left a long shadow  
that will sing in each of many thousand homes  
that need music more than ever.

— Cindy Sites-Wooley



# My Spark



This desire to breathe the hurt  
that had surrounded my heart  
with doubtful darkness, losing me  
in the gloom.

When words escape me and the desire to  
want to put on paper what my scattered  
thoughts would like to say to you.

When I feel at a loss unable to  
freely express the burning that  
I feel within the walls of my ribs  
each and every time I pinch  
myself.

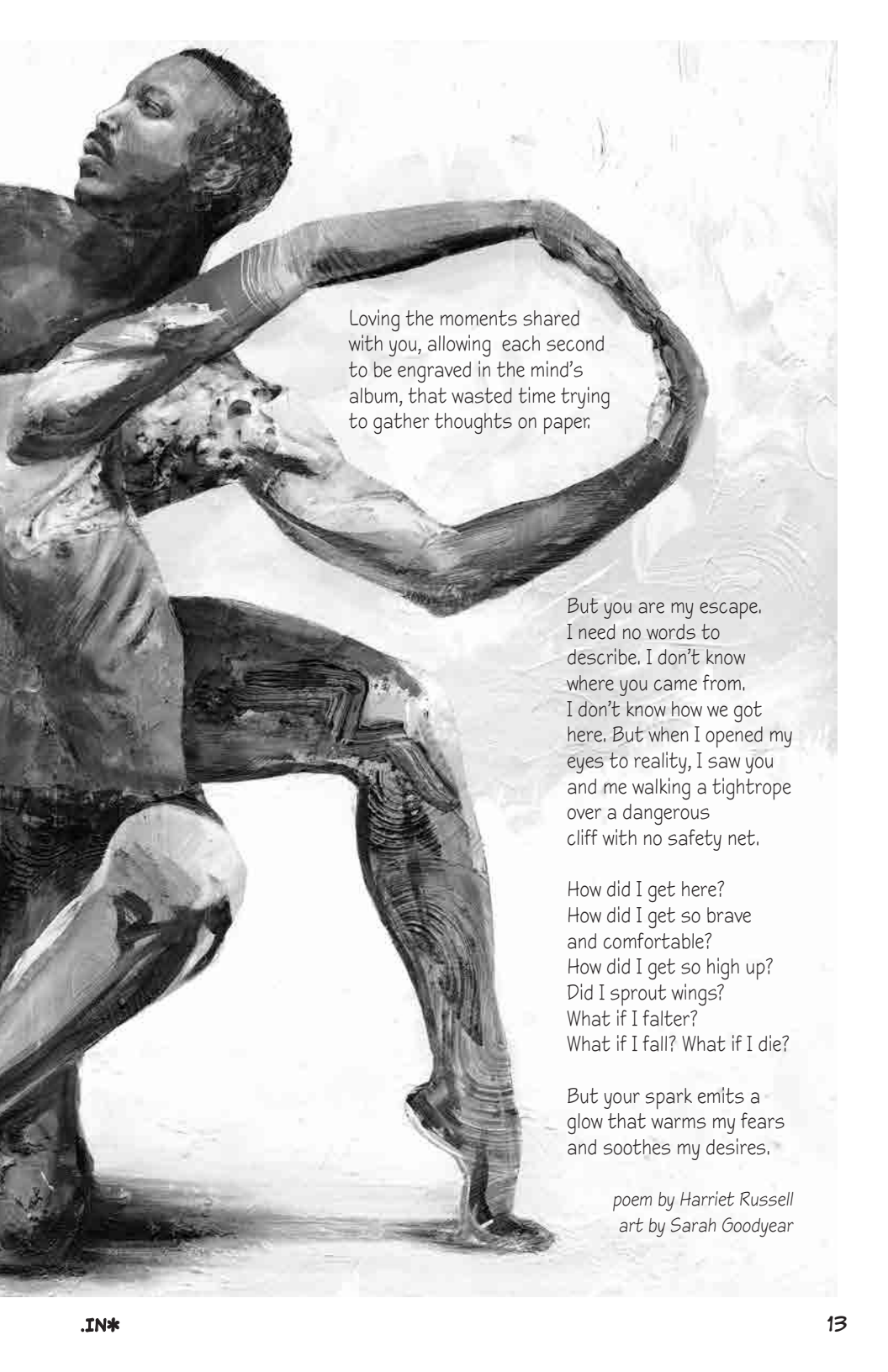
I feel loss within a dream looking  
for the hint of reality because  
somehow heaven doesn't exist,  
and there is no happily ever after.

You ignite within me this desire  
to take a deep breath and  
breathe out all that has been  
shackled around my being.

This desire to brave the  
hot flame of anger and rage  
had been the fuel that  
drove me to the edge  
of destruction.

But my tongue fails me  
as I search for the correct  
combination of lyrics  
that can express my  
longing for you.

At last I stand, words  
empty, pages blank. I'll fall  
into nothingness because  
my mind would rather stay  
in real time.



Loving the moments shared  
with you, allowing each second  
to be engraved in the mind's  
album, that wasted time trying  
to gather thoughts on paper.

But you are my escape.  
I need no words to  
describe. I don't know  
where you came from.  
I don't know how we got  
here. But when I opened my  
eyes to reality, I saw you  
and me walking a tightrope  
over a dangerous  
cliff with no safety net.


How did I get here?  
How did I get so brave  
and comfortable?  
How did I get so high up?  
Did I sprout wings?  
What if I falter?  
What if I fall? What if I die?

But your spark emits a  
glow that warms my fears  
and soothes my desires.


*poem by Harriet Russell  
art by Sarah Goodyear*

# A SIDEWALK PURRING

EVERY YEAR WHEN THE WEATHER GETS WARMER RACOONS BEGIN TO BREED. DURING THE MATING SEASON MALE RACOONS WILL WANDER TIRELESSLY SEARCHING FOR FEMALES



I KNEW I SMELLED SOMETHING WIERD



WELCOME, CHILD OF THE WOOD.  
HERE BEFORE YOU IS THE GUARDIAN  
OF THE FOREST. WATCHER OF THE  
BRUSH, PROTECTOR OF THE ...




I'M LOOKING TO MATE




OH MY GOSH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
TO SAY I'M FLATTERED.



AND I'M IN A HURRY SO WHERE  
CAN I MEET A MATE.



C'MON BONESY THIS  
CAN BE YOUR CHANCE  
DON'T MESS THIS UP



WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR  
JUST MAY BE RIGHT BEFORE  
YOU. LOOK NOT WITH YOUR  
EYES BUT WITH YOUR HEART.

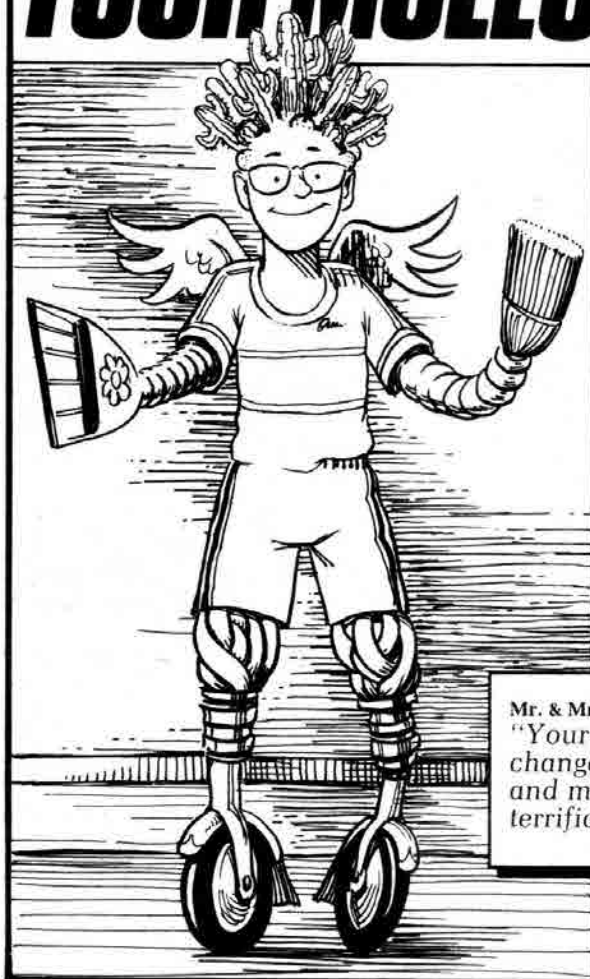
OH?





**At Home In Your Spare Time...**

# **RESTRUCTURE YOUR MOLECULES!**



*"The possibilities  
are endless!"*

—Mr. P., Carport, ME

*"Thank heavens  
for Molecule  
Restructuring!"*

—Mrs. X, Sprocket, NY

*"Sometimes my hus-  
band doesn't even  
recognize me! I've  
never had such fun!"*

—Mrs. D.A., S. Dakota

*"Is that you, dear?"*

—Mr. D.A., S. Dakota

*"Woof!"*

—Mr. S.B., Dogpound, CA

Mr. & Mrs. R.V., Texas, write:

*"Your process has  
changed our lives ...  
and my wife makes a  
terrific jogging outfit!"*

*Mooney 084*

# Hi friend,

If you're like me you are probably trying to *cope* with the *fact* that you have recently been turned into a *painting* after touching a *cursed amulet*.

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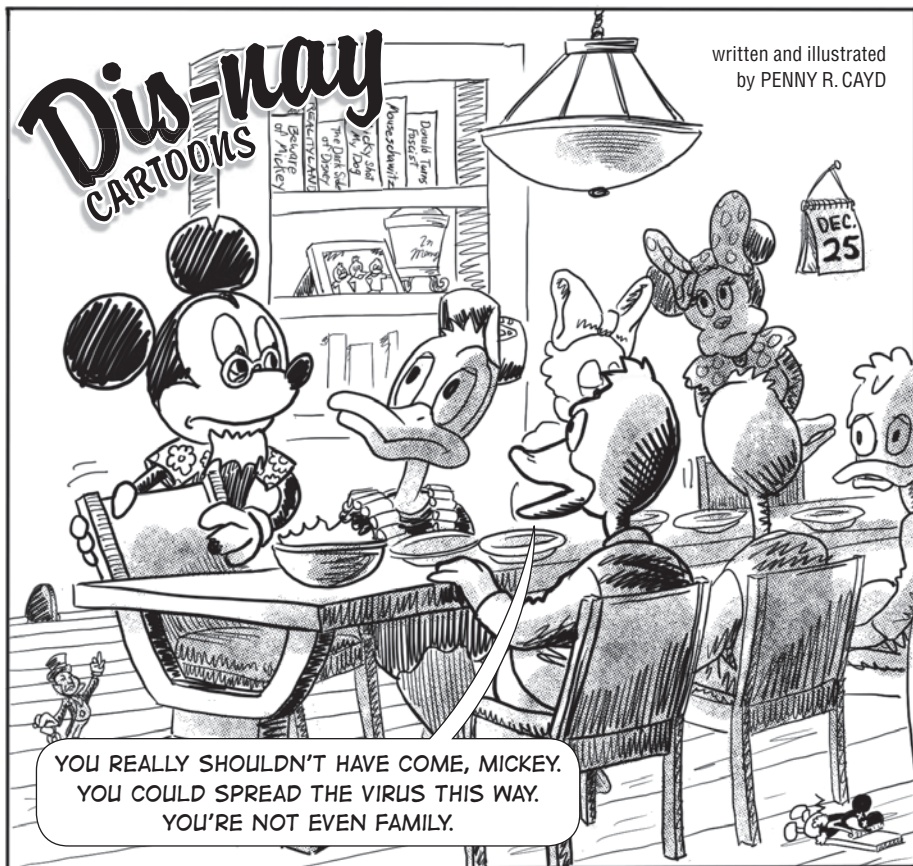
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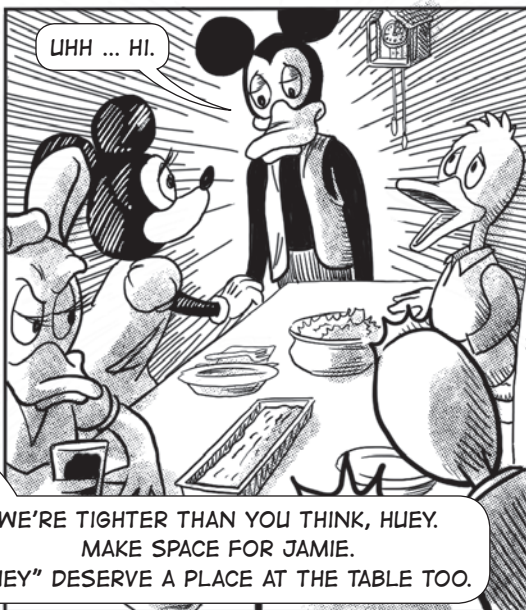
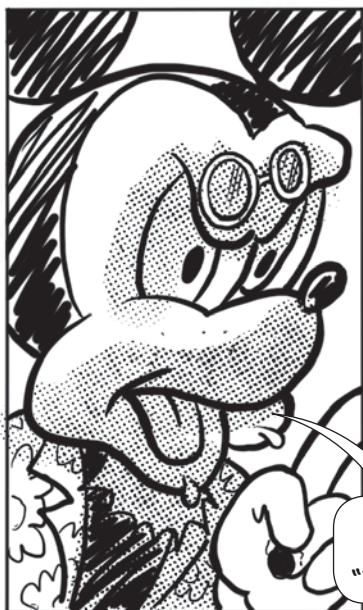


# Dis-way CARTOONS

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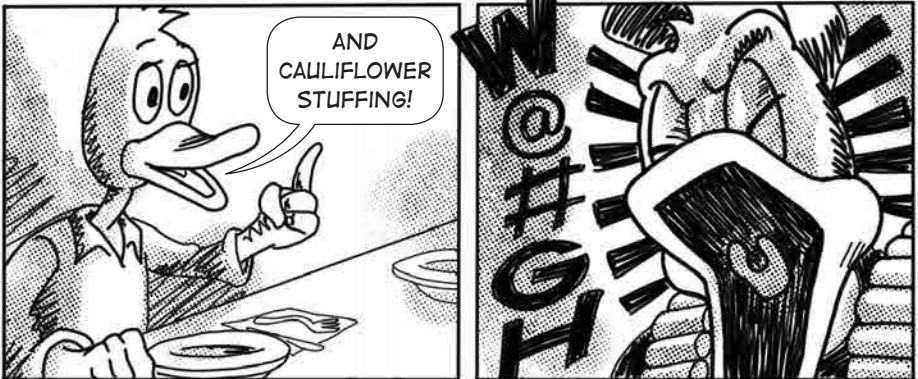
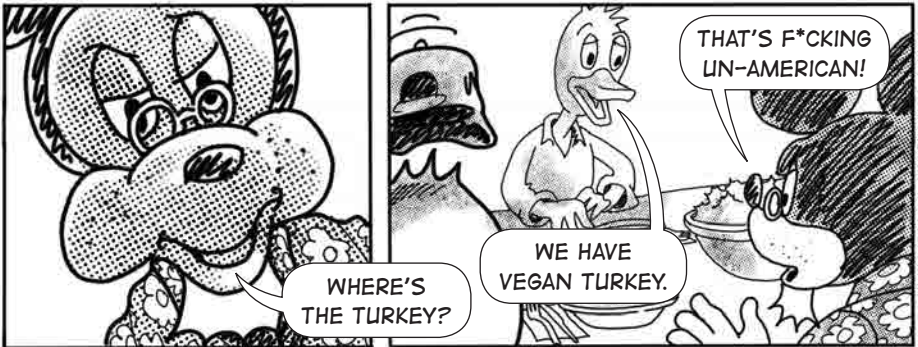
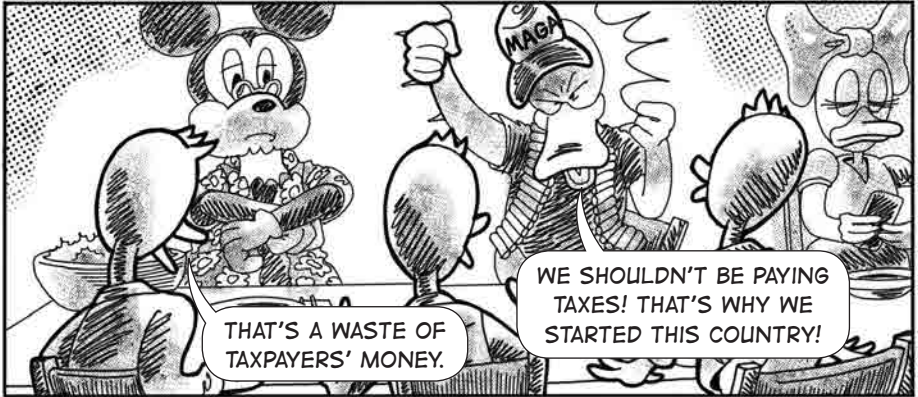
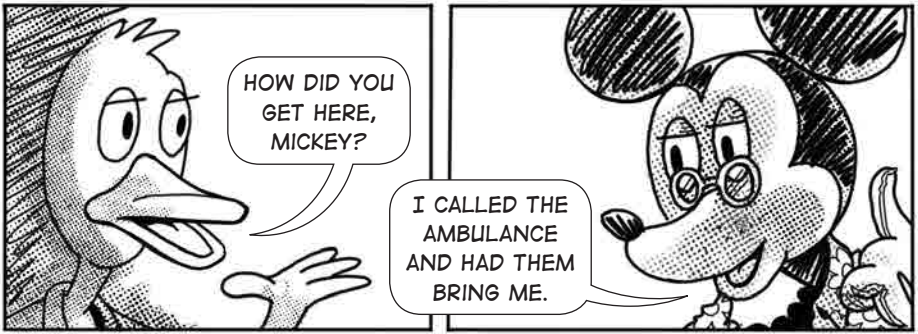


YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE COME, MICKEY.  
YOU COULD SPREAD THE VIRUS THIS WAY.  
YOU'RE NOT EVEN FAMILY.

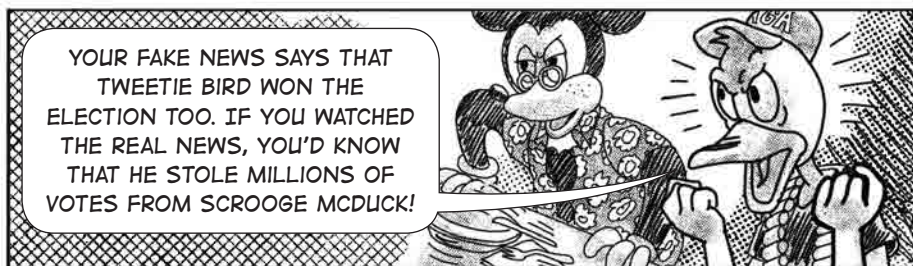
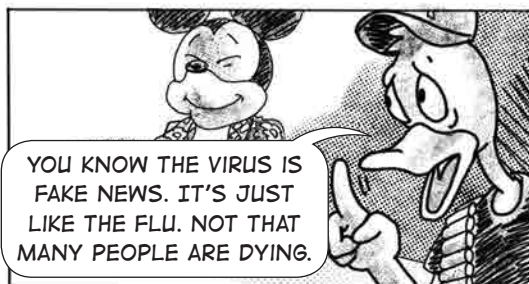
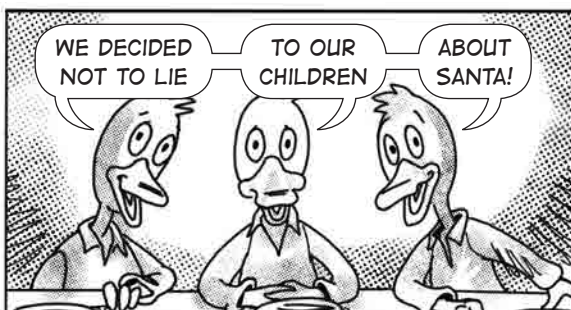


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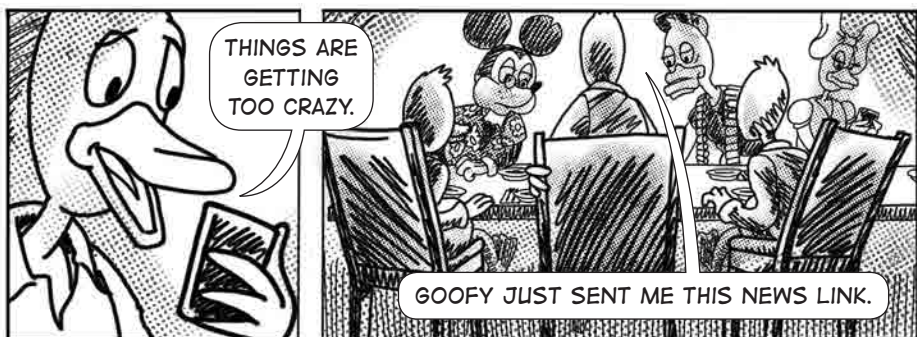
WE'RE TIGHTER THAN YOU THINK, HUEY.  
MAKE SPACE FOR JAMIE.  
"THEY" DESERVE A PLACE AT THE TABLE TOO.











# 2020.

by sarah allen reed





I keep seeing  
"here's things I did in 2020!"  
bullshit-ass threads all across  
my social media channels.

It's fucking insane to me.

You'd think,  
out of all possible years  
for people to lay the  
"wake and grind" nonsense to rest,  
it'd be this one.

You'd think.

I try not to think.

I light my pipe  
and watch  
the smoke roll by.





I mean, sure. There's a lot of cats  
who did a lot of cool shit.

Cool.

Good for them.  
Real proud of ya.

But about 90% of the time,  
there's an air to the shit.  
Like "I did all this,  
why couldn't you?"

"What's your excuse?"

And like...  
I get it.

In this line of work,  
if you're not constantly showing  
some kind of process, some kind of progress,  
people get bored, people don't hire you,

and if this is more or less what keeps you alive--  
like yours truly, someone who can't hold a day job  
thanks to mental illness, and who can't find one  
half the time due to being visibly queer---

that means a lot more than a couple followers.

You wanna know what I did this year?

I lost two vehicles,  
attempted suicide twice,  
got sacked from six "essential" jobs,  
relapsed after four years sober,  
lost my apartment,  
attempted to walk away from this line of work,  
and ended up having to come back  
because I'm too poor to stop.

That's it. That's my 2020 rap sheet.

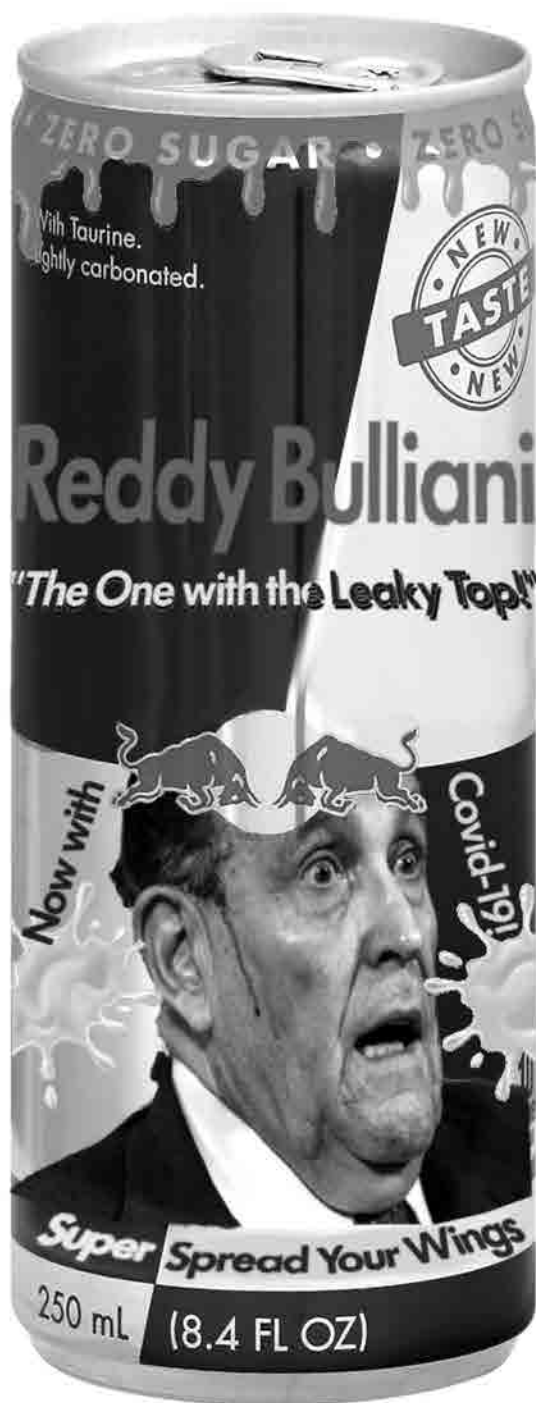
I quit drinking last night, at least.  
Dumped it all out.

Some years get lost.

We'll try again  
next year.

*Sarah Allen Rae*





@stencilspray

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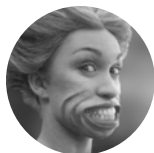
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**Nachos** Corn Tortilla Chips, Cheddar, Lettuce, Black Beans, Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Guacamole  
**Fiesta Chicken Salad** Mixed Greens, Lime Marinated Grilled Chicken, Black Beans, Sour Cream, Tomatoes, Cheddar, Queso Fresco  
\$4 Draft Margaritas / \$2 PBR Draft

### THURSDAY

**Philly Cheese Steak** Shaved Beef, Grilled Peppers, Grilled Onions, Garlic Mayo and Provolone  
Most Drafts Three Dollars  
\$6 Tropical Storm (Small Pour Hurricane on Draft)

### FISH CAMP FRIDAY

**Sandwich** Southern Slaw and Tartar  
**Plate** Waffle Fries, Southern Slaw and Hush Pups  
\$4 Craft Beer Roulette

### SATURDAY

**Shrimp and Grits with Tasso Ham**  
Mixed Peppers and Onions  
\$6 Absolut Flavors / \$6.50 Seasonal Mule

### SUNDAY

**Nashville Chicken Sandwich**  
Hot Chicken topped with Dill Pickles  
\$5 Strawberry Margaritas on Draft  
\$6 Pinky Promise-High Life and shot of Well Liquor Seltzer Feature

